Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.　(Currently Amended)　An image retrieving device for classifying and retrieving an image by detecting an object in the image and adding a keyword, the image retrieving device comprising:

an image storing section for storing the image which is supposed to be classified and retrieved together with the keyword in a database;

an object acknowledging section for acknowledging a predetermined object in the image which is inputted;

a keyword proposing section for proposing the keyword so as to display on a display, the keyword which relates to the object which is acknowledged by the object acknowledging section; and

an object information inputting section for confirming, adding, and correcting the keyword which is proposed by the keyword proposing section.

2.　(Currently Amended)　An image retrieving device according to Claim 1Claim 1, wherein the object acknowledging section comprisesincludes:

a human detection condition inputting section for setting up conditions for determining whether or not the image contains a human;

a face image detecting section for detecting a face image in the image; and

a face image similarity determining section for detecting a face image which is detected by the face image detecting section so as to detect a similar face image stored in the database according to the detected face imaged.

3. (Original) An image retrieving device according to Claim 2 wherein the object information inputting section serves as a personal information inputting section for confirming, adding, and correcting a personal information.

4. (Currently Amended) An image retrieving device according to Claim 2 ~~wherein~~ further comprising a skin color area detecting section for detecting a skin color area in the ~~image~~ image, wherein

the skin color area detecting section is used when the human is detected.

5. (Original) An image retrieving device according to Claim 2 further comprising a keyword proposing section for proposing the keyword to the image which is inputted last in a case in which the similar face image is not detected by the face image similarity determining section.

6. (Original) An image retrieving device according to claim 1 wherein the keyword is added according to a retrieving template which is formed by the keywords which have hierarchical structure.

7. (Currently Amended) A method for adding keywords in an image retrieving device for classifying and retrieving an image by detecting an object in the image and adding a keyword, the method ~~comprising the steps for:~~comprising:

storing the image which is supposed to be classified and retrieved together with the keyword in a database;

acknowledging a predetermined object in the image which is inputted;

proposing the keyword so as to display on a display, the keyword which relates to the object which is acknowledged by the object acknowledging section; and

confirming, adding, and correcting the keyword which is proposed by the keyword proposing section.

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8.   (Currently Amended) ~~A computer program for a computer in an image retrieving device for classifying and retrieving an image by detecting an object in the image and adding a keyword, comprising commands for:~~A storage medium having a program stored therein for operating an image retrieving device which classifies and retrieves an image by detecting an object in the image and adding a keyword, the storage medium comprising:

storing the image which is supposed to be classified and retrieved together with the keyword in a database;

acknowledging a predetermined object in the image which is inputted;

proposing the keyword so as to display on a display, the keyword which relates to the object which is acknowledged by the object acknowledging section; and

confirming, adding, and correcting the keyword which is proposed by the keyword proposing section.

9.   (Original) An image retrieving device according to claim 2 wherein the keyword is added according to a retrieving template which is formed by the keywords which have hierarchical structure.

10.   (Original) An image retrieving device according to claim 3 wherein the keyword is added according to a retrieving template which is formed by the keywords which have hierarchical structure.

11.   (Original) An image retrieving device according to claim 4 wherein the keyword is added according to a retrieving template which is formed by the keywords which have hierarchical structure.

12.   (Original) An image retrieving device according to claim 5 wherein the keyword is added according to a retrieving template which is formed by the keywords which have hierarchical structure.

13.   (New) A method according to claim 7, wherein the keyword is added according to a retrieving template which is formed by the keywords which have a hierarchical structure.

14.   (New) A storage medium according to claim 8, wherein the keyword is added according to a retrieving template which is formed by the keywords which have a hierarchical structure.